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SERIAL: DIADIN 348-13A

SUBJ: EL SALVADOR: ECONOMIC SABOTAGE. (U)

DOI: 13 DEC 84 (AS OF 1836 EST)

TEXT: 1. (U) THE GUERRILLAS CONTINUE TO TARGET THE COFFEE HARVEST IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE THE ECONOMY.

2. (U) ON 24 NOVEMBER, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF INSURGENTS ATTACKED CIVIL DEFENSE POSTS AND GUARD UNITS GUARDING A COFFEE PROCESSING PLANT IN CHALCHUAPA IN SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT (140123Z DEC 84). DURING THE ATTACK, THEY DESTROYED THE PLANT'S EQUIPMENT, WATER TANKS, AND OTHER NEARBY FACILITIES. ON THE 27TH, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) ENTERED THE TOWN OF

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CALIFORNIA IN USULUTAN DEPARTMENT [REDACTED] AND DESTROYED
THE ~~CAN~~ AMBROSIO COFFEE-PROCESSING PLANT AND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT
OF COFFEE STORED THERE. IN ADDITION, A 4 DECEMBER SALVADORAN
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF GUERRILLA ACTION,
10 PERCENT OF THE HARVEST IN THE EAST HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND THAT
ANOTHER 20 PERCENT HAD BEEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED, WHICH LOWERED THE
PRODUCT'S QUALITY AND PRICE.

3. ~~IS/HE~~ COMMENT: THE SALVADORAN ECONOMY COULD BE SEVERELY
WEAKENED IF ITS COFFEE HARVEST WERE ADVERSLY AFFECTED TO ANY GREAT
EXTENT. IT IS THE COUNTRY'S MAIN EXPORT COMMODITY. RECENTLY, THE
SECURITY SITUATION IN THE WESTERN DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN OF PRIME
CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT, AS RECENT REPORTS HAVE INDICATED AN
INCREASED GUERRILLA PRESENCE IN THE WEST, WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE
NATION'S CROP IS GROWN. IF THE GUERRILLAS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN
AFFECTING THE HARVEST ON A BROAD SCALE, IT WOULD SERIOUSLY
AGGRAVATE THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND BRING FURTHER
PRESSURE ON THE DUARTE GOVERNMENT.

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